

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Sherman S33643

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State of Massachusetts Hampshire County SS

I Christopher Sherman a Citizen of the United States, now a resident at Northampton in the County of Hampshire in the State aforesaid, do on oath testify and declare that in the War of the Revolution in the spring of the year 1777 according to the best of my recollection not long after the burning of Norfolk in Virginia I entered and was engaged in the military service of the United States on the Continental establishment and served accordingly from that time for the term of three years as a private soldier against the common enemy without any interruption or absence: that I belonged to the company commanded by Captain Russell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Scott in the Virginia line and that I left the service at the end of said term of three years being honorably discharged therefrom and that, by reason of my reduced circumstances in life and poverty, I stand in need of assistance of my country for support, being now of the age of sixty-nine years. That I was discharged at Trenton in New Jersey and was furnished with a regular honorable discharge which I brought with me to Rhode Island, but have since lost out of my possession.

And I hereby relinquish all claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any may be or have been so allowed.

Attest Elijah H Mills

S/ Christopher Sherman, X his mark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hampshire SS

At the Circuit Court of common pleas for the Western Circuit begun and Holden at Northampton, within and for the County of Hampshire the 3rd Monday of August A.D. 1820 and *de die in diem* to the day of the month

Personally appeared, in open Court, being a Court of Record, within and for said County, created such by the Laws of the Commonwealth, Christopher Sherman aged sixty-nine years, resident in Northampton in said County, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he served five years in the aforesaid War, to wit from 1776 to 1781 under Captain Russell in the fourth Regiment in the Virginia line and was regularly discharged at Trenton in the State of New Jersey.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in

the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

[Note: the schedule is very faint and mostly illegible but appears to list property having a total value of \$36.75 (or \$30.75)]

I have a Wife aged 50 [could be 40] a very sickly woman I have five Children living with me to wit Phebe aged 16 years, Rhoda aged 13 years, [illegible, appears to end in "manta"] aged 12 years, Caleb aged 14 years, Caroline aged 9 years, Phebe has had a Child which is also with me and she is not able more than to support herself, the other Children are [could be "not"] able nearly to support themselves.

Sworn to, and declared, on the 21st day of August 1820, before the said Court,
Attest, Josiah Dwight, Clerk.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 30, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental Line.]